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KC MAN SENTENCED FOR BANK ROBBERY

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Kansas City man was sentenced today for robbing United Missouri Bank on August 3, 2000.

Tracy Carl Fuller, 43, of Kansas City, Mo., was sentenced this morning by U.S. District Chief Judge Dean Whipple to 12 years and 7 months in prison without parole. The court also ordered **Fuller** to pay $6,880 in restitution to United Missouri Bank and Commerce Bank.

According to Graves, **Fuller** pleaded guilty on February 1, 2002, to robbing the United Missouri Bank at 1415 Grand Avenue, Kansas City, Mo. **Fuller** admitted in his plea agreement that he stole approximately $6,100 from the bank.

Fuller also admitted robbing the Commerce Bank at 118 W. 47th Street, Kansas City, Mo., a week later, on August 10, 2000. Federal prosecutors dismissed that charge under the terms of the plea agreement, Graves explained, because the court was still able to consider the Commerce Bank robbery as relevant conduct in determining the severity of **Fuller's** sentence.

Graves added that **Fuller** was initially identified by employees at American Formal and Bridal Boutique, 1331 Main, Kansas City, Mo., where he purchased a tuxedo with new $100 bills shortly after the robbery. **Fuller** was also identified, Graves said, by an employee at Truman Behavior Health Support Center, 5101 E. 24th Street, Kansas City, Mo., who saw a photograph from the Commerce Bank surveillance camera in *The Kansas City Star* and recognized him as a resident of the center.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Frances E. Reddis. It was investigated by the FBI and the Kansas City, Mo., Police Department.

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